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The attached sheets of drawings include changes to Fig. 9a and Fig. 15. These sheets, which include Fig. 9a on sheet 8 of the drawings, and Figs. 14 and 15 on sheet 11 of the drawings, include an omission. The valve 50 did not show a hole therein, in the original drawings of Figs. 9a and 15. Figs. 1b, 2 and 3 do show the hole in the valve 50. The hole in the valve plate 50 is described at page 13, lines 17-21 of the specification. No new matter has been added.

Attachment: Replacement sheets 8 (Fig. 9a) and sheet 11 (Figs. 14 and 15).

Annotated sheets 8 and 11 showing the proposed changes.

REMARKS AND ARGUMENTS

The Office Action dated March 5, 2009 has been carefully reviewed, together with the claims of the captioned application and the prior art references cited in the rejection of the claims. For the reasons set forth below it is believed that the claims of the application are patentable over the prior art of record.

Proposed Drawing Changes

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Status of the Claims

Claims canceled: 29, 32, 38 and 40-43

New Claims: 44 - 46

Claims rejected: 26, 37 and 39

Claims Objected to: 27-36 and 38

Claim Objections

Claim 34 is objected to as the word "perorated" is misspelled. Claim 34 has been amended to correct the error.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claims 37 and 39 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite.

In claim 37, the term “said moving step” lacks antecedent basis. Claim 37 has been amended to overcome the rejection.

Claim 39 has been rejected as being unclear. Claim 26, from which claim 39 depends, has been amended to provide clarity.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claim 26 has been rejected as being anticipated by U.S. Pat. No. 6,322,704 by Martin. The subject matter of claim 38, which is indicated as being drawn to allowable subject matter, has been incorporated into independent claim 26. Accordingly, it is believed that claim 26 is now patentable over the prior art of record.

New Claims

New dependent claim 44 has been added to the application to further define the invention of the method.

New independent claim 45 has been added to the application. New claim 45 is the subject matter of unamended claim 26, but with the allowable subject matter of claim 32 incorporated therein.

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New independent claim 46 has been added to the application. New claim 46 is the subject matter of unamended claim 26, but with the allowable subject matter of claim 29 incorporated therein. The new claims read on the elected species.

Fees

No additional fees are required in view of the addition of the new claims to the application. The application does not include more than 20 claims, nor more than three independent claims. However, if an additional fee is required in order to enter this paper, authorization is provided to deduct the amount from the deposit account of Roger N. Chauza, P.C., # 504132.

Conclusion

From the foregoing, the issues raised by the Examiner have been addressed and have been overcome by amendment to the claims. The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider the rejections and objections and grant full allowance of the application.

Respectfully submitted,
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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Roger N. Chauza", with a stylized flourish at the end.

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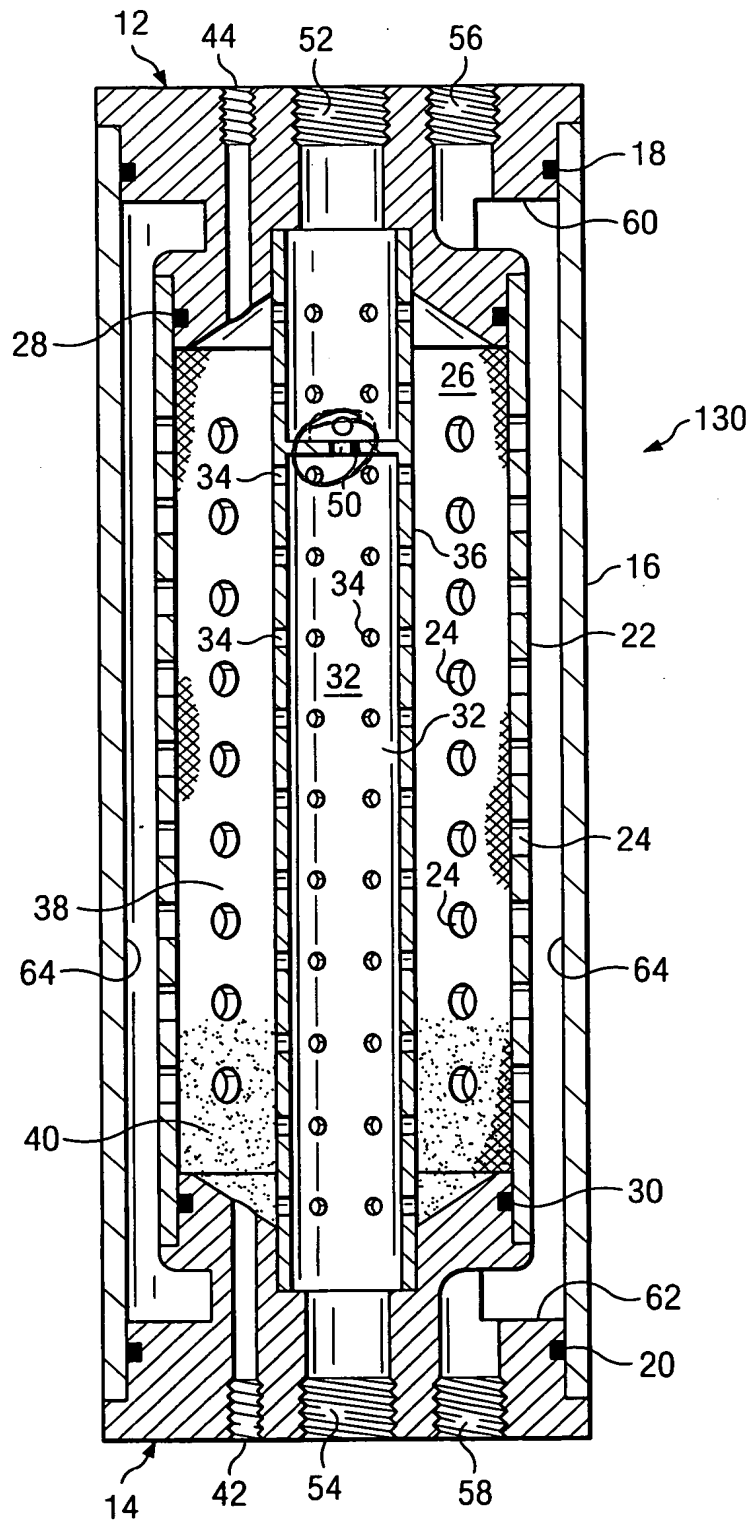


FIG. 9a

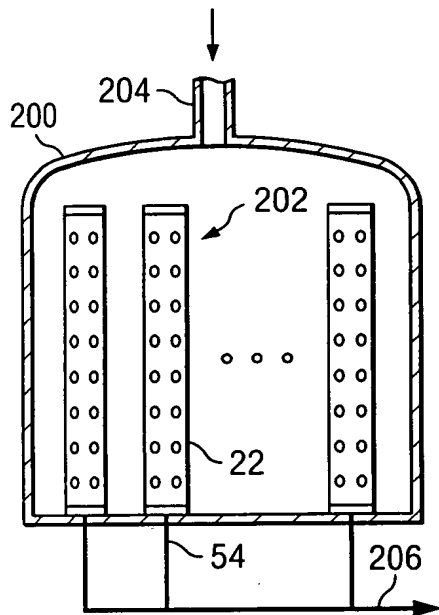


FIG. 14

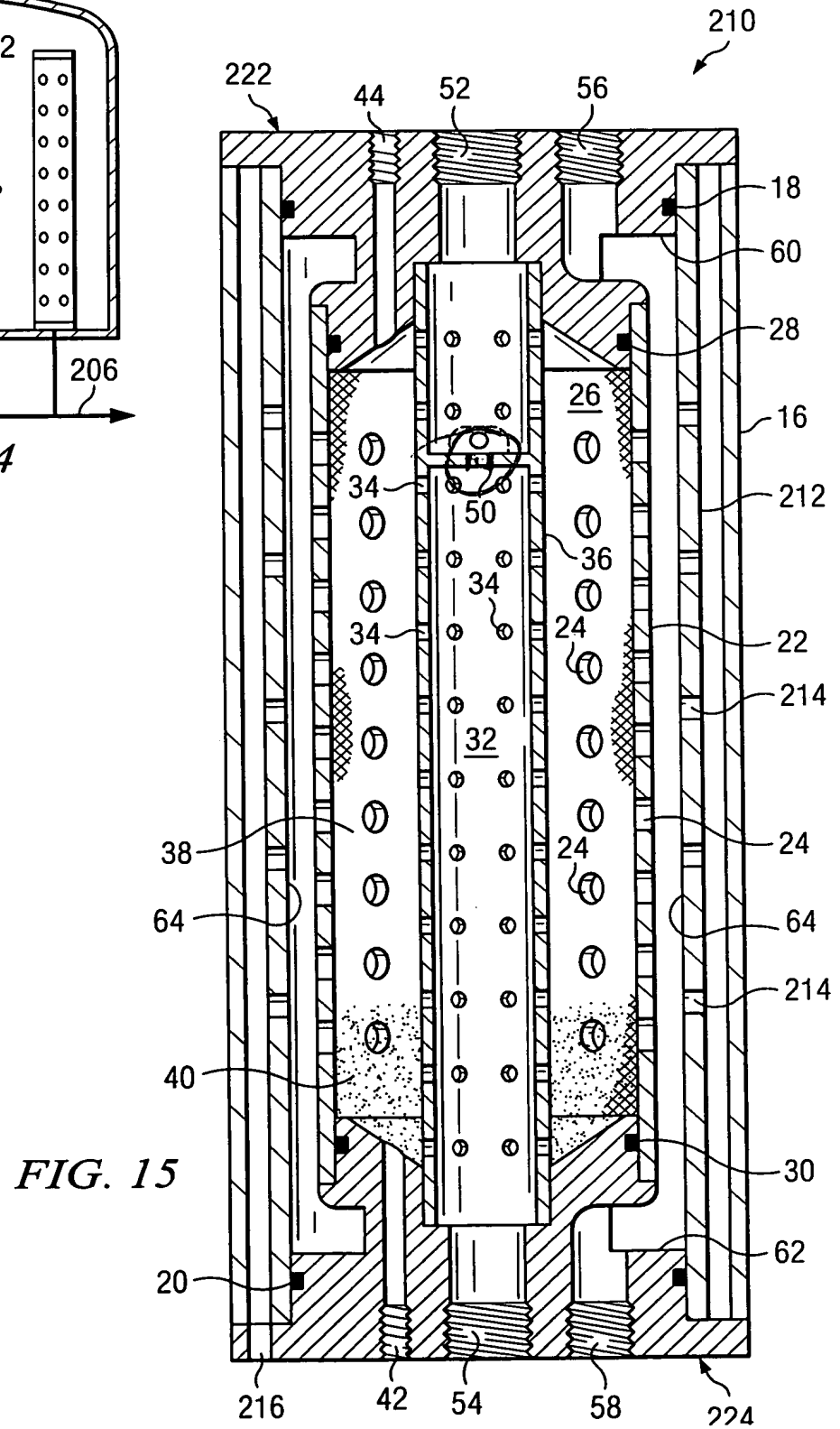


FIG. 15